

AGENDA
SCAPPOOSE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33568 E. COLUMBIA AVE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008
SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP AT 6:00 P.M.



CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AT 7:00 P.M.

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**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
AUGUST 18, 2008
WORKSHOP AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Burge, Councilor Gedlich, Councilor Bernhard, Councilor Meres, Councilor Heerwagen, City Manager Hanken, City Recorder Pentecost, Police Chief Greisen, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisory Steve Wabschall, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Joe Lewis, Field Services Supervisor Terry Andrews, Cecilia Haach, Spotlight and Matthew Nash, Chronicle.

City Manager Hanken explained Council asked staff to set up a workshop on sustainability. He explained he put together some items from the League of Oregon Cities website. He explained what we want to do is to kind of define sustainability. The information that he gave Council has a definition of “meeting the needs of our present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”. He stated what a lot of this does is focus on conservation efforts. He stated at the City we have been working diligently on conservation efforts to be good stewards of land, good stewards of the environment and we have been doing it for decades. He explained what he thought we should do is to give Council an idea of what staff has done in the past so Council has a reference point as to where we may want the City to go in the future. He explained the department heads of water, sewer and public works are here to give a brief little presentation to what it is they have done in the past and what we are planning on doing in the future to help minimize the impact that we have on the environment.

Steve Wabschall, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor explained the wastewater plant was upgraded in 1990. He explained in 1992 the City started getting electric bills of \$130,000.00. As they went down that road for a few years they got concerned and had PGE come in and do an energy audit. PGE looked through the whole facility and was able to pinpoint the spots where they were using a lot of power. He then brought Ron Busch in who is a design engineer and they identified the real big uses of electricity and what they could do different to save some of that energy. He explained they came up with a couple of ideas. He gave Council and staff a handout of the wastewater treatment plant. He explained not only if you try real hard to conserve but if you maintain your facility you will still have a facility that is working pretty well. There is some equipment that is a little bit of a problem, but it is still in very good shape for being of that age. He explained in the early 1990's when they were first designed they had 5 floating 40 hours aerators that ran 24/7, so their cost to operate was considerably high. He explained they had more oxygen than they really needed but they didn't dare but it in mixed so the aspirators mix well but they don't aerate quite as well. So what they found was these were \$30,000.00 with a 2 year pay back for the energy savings and what they were allowed to do is turn off the floating aerators in the middle of the night when the oxygen stays in the air longer. Doing that saved substantial amount of dollars of electricity. He explained there was minimum expense in the equipment to set up where they aerators would shut off at the middle of the night.

Steve Wabschall gave an overview of the sludge that the City is able to put on fields owned by the City two days a year. The cost is \$15,000.00 to get rid of one year of the Cities solids. Steve Wabschall explained who ever purchased the land that the City owns that we place the sludge on in 1972 for \$45,000.00 did a great service to this community.

City Manager Hanken asked Steve Wabschall looking down the road what do you see as other possibilities for improving efficiencies at the plant? Steve Wabschall replied they have a couple

of things; he talked about the effluent pumping and discharge line. He explained at some point the pumps are not going to be able to move it that distance because of friction loss, there is going to be more effluent to get rid of than these pumps can handle.

Joe Lewis, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor explained this week they have been up against the wall with water production and water demand. He explained they had one day last week when the City used 1.4 million gallons of water and this exceeded the amount of water produced.

City Manager Hanken explained one of the things related to water that is going to be happening probably Sept 1 is Columbia River PUD, Northwest Natural and Energy Trust of Oregon will start to do a marketing campaign where they are going to give out water reducing shower heads, water reducing aerators to City of Scappoose customers. He explained one of the things that energy companies are all starting to recognize is it takes energy to heat the water, it takes energy to make the water and one of the things that we need to do in terms of sustainability is reduce the amount of water that gets wasted. He explained to help the customers and to help ourselves realistically we need to please people understand the need conserve more. The City needs to help them to replace shower fixtures with low flow models. He stated in his opinion we are going to see a lot more discussion in the coming years towards more conservation.

Councilor Gedlich asked about when temperatures are so high for so many days asking customers to water every other day. Joe Lewis replied that is not a bad idea: odd/even sprinkling. City Manager Hanken replied one of the things you don't want to do is to cause a panic. He explained long term what we are looking at is a change in philosophical viewpoint and that is what we are working towards.

Joe Lewis explained the waste water/drinking water plant by definition are environmental protection facilities. He explained the staff has had a tour with Columbia River PUD staff to do an energy audit. He explained the surface water is the cheapest water to use and that is the plant they try to use all the time with others being used as needed. He explained staff is replacing items from the older water plant as they identify the need. He explained the school district announced last week that they are going to go through a program to place energy panels on the roofs of the high school. He explained the school will purchase the electrical power produced at the same rate it would cost to buy power from the PUD so it is a wash as far as the cost goes. So what is really happening is the source of that power is more environmentally friendly.

Joe Lewis explained staff checked in to a hybrid vehicle and the prices are approximately 33% higher.

Joe Lewis stated sustainability has always been a goal. He stated at the water plant and waste water treatment plant environmental friendliness is by definition what they have always done. It has been Steve Wabschall and his career.

Councilor Bernhard explained he would like to look at V-6 engines in city vehicles instead of V-8 engines. He also likes the idea of looking in to the solar panel idea.

City Manager Hanken explained one of the things he is working with Columbia River PUD on is the street lights. They are working on focusing the street lights downward to get rid of the light pollution. There would be more efficient light structures.

Terry Andrews, Field Services Supervisor explained they have been doing things throughout the years to help the environment. The automated meter reading that is going to help by using less employees. City Manager Hanken explained the long term goal is the meter reading will be sent electronically and staff won't be out driving around to do it.

Councilor Judd arrived at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Burge asked what are five things that Council can look at to commit to that will make the City even more efficient for the community.

The Council came up with:

Recycling ~ possibly having drop off days for recycling/more public education

Garbage Service

Water shed

Fuel efficient vehicles

Awareness and education/more information for the public

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AT 7:00 P.M.
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

Call to Order

Mayor Burge called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Flag Salute

Roll Call

The meeting of the City of Scappoose City Council was held at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers; 33568 East Columbia Avenue; Scappoose, Oregon with the following present:

City Council Members:

Scott Burge	Mayor
Charles Judd	Councilor
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Jeff Bernhard	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Art Heerwagen	Councilor

Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Susan Pentecost	City Recorder

Press:

Cecilia Haack	Spotlight
Matthew Nash	The Chronicle

Also in attendance: Teresa Keller, Budget Committee member

Excused: Council President Ingham and Legal Counsel Andy Jordan

Approval of Agenda

Councilor Bernhard moved and Councilor Judd seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

Councilor Judd moved and Councilor Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the City Council meeting minutes from August 11, 2008. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

New Business

Resolution No. 08-14: A Resolution Supporting Columbia 9-1-1 Communication District Five Year Operational Levy – November 4, 2008

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report.

Sally Jones gave an overview of what Columbia 9-1-1 Communication District has been doing since it was formed. She also talked about the renewal of the operations funding.

Rob Anderson, President of the Elected Board of Directors explained during the last levy they formed a committee. The Committee went door to door and talked to other organizations. He explained other ways in the past the committee did campaigning to help inform the community.

Councilor Gedlich feels Ms. Jones and her staff has done a wonderful job.

Councilor Bernhard moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 08-14: A Resolution Supporting Columbia 9-1-1 Communication District Five Year Operational Levy – November 4, 2008. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Mayor Burge asked for a moment of silence in memory of Robert Hales, a Scappoose Volunteer Firefighter, who passed away on Sunday.

Report on Amending the City Charter related to Approval of Annexation

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained staff feels the voter approved annexation measure is working really well and staff would advise Council against asking the citizens to change that provision of the charter.

Councilor Gedlich doesn't feel it should be changed either. That was the general consensus of Council.

Discussion on City Manager's Review

City Recorder Pentecost will place the review form and the letter from Ron Guerra regarding Council not being able to talk to staff regarding the City Manager review.

Councilor Bernhard would like to have a charter review regarding Council being able to talk to staff regarding the City Managers review.

Mayor Burge would like to have a discussion on Charter review.

Council decided the City Manager review will be the October 6, 2008.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

Police Chief

Chief Greisen gave an update regarding the gentlemen that came in a talked about Springlake Park and the tall grass issue. The following day Public Works sent out a letter to the property owners. He explained next week if it is not resolve the property owner will receive a citation.

Chief Greisen explained Robert Hales memorial service will be on Monday August 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Fellowship in Warren.

Chief Greisen explained this week there is a concert going on and Hood to Coast on Friday.

Councilors

Councilor Gedlich thanked everyone for being present this evening. She thanked Jon Hanken and staff for helping at the Car Show.

Councilor Bernhard explained it is exciting to see the progress of the park.

Councilor Heerwagen won't be here on the 2nd of September and possibly not on the 15th either.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

City of Scappoose, Oregon

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Pentecost, City Recorder